

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL MEMORANDUM**

**HB 724 – SB 655**

April 12, 2011

**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (006148):** Requires the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI), through consultation with the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) and incorporation of the AMBER alert infrastructure, to establish the Blue Alert System in Tennessee for rapid statewide dissemination of information to aid in apprehending violent criminals who kill or seriously injure law enforcement officers and in locating missing law enforcement officers. Adds that the TBI may use the AMBER Alert system to the extent permissible to facilitate the Blue Alert System.

**FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:**

NOT SIGNIFICANT

**FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:**

**Unchanged from the original fiscal note.**

Assumptions applied to amendment:

- According to TBI, any cost to establish the Blue Alert System can be accommodated within existing resources.
- According to TDOT, there will be no impact upon the Department for consultation with the TBI regarding the Blue Alert System.
- Specifying that the TBI may use the AMBER alert system to the extent permissible will not result in a significant impact on state or local governments.
- The amended bill places no specific requirements on local law enforcement agencies. Instead, it changes the language from “law enforcement’s safety” to “law enforcement officer’s safety.”

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" and last name "White" clearly legible, and "W." in the middle.

James W. White, Executive Director

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